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SUMMARY: MISSION AIRPOUCHING IO/CMD ESSENTIAL PORTIONS OF NOTE BY SECRETARIAT ON PREPARATIONS FOR UNIDO-II TO BE CONSIDERED UNDER ITEM 4 OF PC-III PROVISIONAL AGENDA. NOTE CONCERNS LARGELY QUESTION OF CONFERENCE DOCUMENTATION, LISTING NINE SUBJECT AREAS FOR WHICH SECRETARIAT PROPOSES TO PREPARE PAPERS. NOTE ALSO RAISES QUESTION OF PREPARATIONS OF DRAFT PROPOSALS FOR UNIDO-II ACTION, INCLUDING POSSIBLE INTERSESSIONAL DISCUSSION AND NEGOTIATION AMONG UNIDO MEMBERS. END SUMMARY.

1. MISSION HAS OBTAINED ADVANCE COPY OF NOTE BY SECRETARIAT ON PREPARATIONS FOR UNIDO-II (ID/B/C.3/11) WHICH FOCUSES MAINLY ON QUESTION OF CONFERENCE DOCUMENTATION, TAKING INTO ACCOUNT SUGGESTIONS RECEIVED FROM ELEVEN GOVERNMENTS. NOTE ALSO REPORTS ON CONTACTS
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ALREADY MADE ON THIS QUESTION WITH OTHER INTERESTED UN

AGENCIES. SECRETARIAT PROPOSES THAT DOCUMENTATION COVER FOLLOWING NINE SUBJECT AREAS: (A) REVIEW AND APPRAISAL OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT DURING DD-II (SEE VIENNA 8184); (B) INDUSTRIALIZATION IN LEAST DEVELOPED COUNTRIES; (C) INDUSTRY, EMPLOYMENT AND SOCIAL OBJECTIVES; (D) FOREIGN TRADE AND INDUSTRIALIZATION; (E) INDUSTRIAL INVESTMENT AND FINANCE; (F) INDUSTRY, NATURAL RESOURCES AND ENVIRONMENT, (G) INDUSTRY AND TECHNOLOGY; (H) INDUSTRY AND AGRICULTURE; (I) INDUSTRIALIZATION AND INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION. SUBJECT AREAS ARE BASED ON ITEM 6(A-D) OF PROVISIONAL AGENDA FOR UNIDO-II ADOPTED BY IDB-VII (ID/B/136 PARA 67).

2. UNDER "OBJECTIVES" AND "DESCRIPTION OF THE APPROACH" SECRETARIAT GIVES FOR EACH SUBJECT AREA BRIEF INDICATION OF ANTICIPATED CONTENT OF DOCUMENTATION AND METHODOLOGY TO BE USED. UNDER EACH SUBJECT AREA SECRETARIAT HAS ALSO INCLUDED BRIEF STATEMENT OF "ANTICIPATED ACTION" WHICH ATTEMPTS TO LOOK BEYOND DOCUMENTATION AS SUCH TO POSSIBLE ACTION BY THE CONFERENCE ITSELF. (QUOTED TEXT IN PARA 1 OF VIENNA 8184 ILLUSTRATES SCOPE AND FORM OF TREATMENT THESE SUBJECTS.) IN MOST CASES THE "ANTICIPATED ACTION" IS SET FORTH IN SUFFICIENTLY GENERAL TERMS TO AVOID SUGGESTING ANY PARTICULAR LINE OF CONFERENCE ACTION. IN SOME INSTANCES, HOWEVER, MORE SPECIFIC STATEMENTS OCCUR. FOR EXAMPLE, IT IS SUGGESTED UNDER "INDUSTRIAL INVESTMENT AND FINANCE" THAT SPECIFIC POLICIES COULD BE PROPOSED WITH RESPECT TO CONTROL OVER AND GUARANTEES FOR TRANSNATIONAL CORPORATIONS; UNDER "INDUSTRY AND TECHNOLOGY" THAT POLICIES COULD BE PROPOSED BY THE CONFERENCE FOR INSURING THAT TRANSNATIONAL CORPORATIONS DISPERSE THEIR MODERN TECHNOLOGIES IN THE HOST COUNTRIES AND UNDER "INDUSTRIALIZATION AND INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION" THAT A WIDE-RANGING ACTION PROGRAM FOR INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION IN THE FIELD OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT COULD BE ONE OF THE MAJOR GOALS OF THE CONFERENCE. NO INDICATION IS GIVEN OF ANTICIPATED VOLUME OR COST OF THE PROPOSED DOCUMENTATION.

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3. IN ADDITION, THE SECRETARIAT SUGGESTS THAT PC MAY WISH TO FORMULATE DRAFT PROPOSALS OR RESOLUTIONS FOR UNIDO-II CONSIDERATION, PARTICULARLY WITH REFERENCE TO AGENDA ITEM 6 OF THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA, AND FOR THIS PURPOSE TO CONSIDER WAYS AND MEANS BY WHICH DISCUSSION AND NEGOTIATION AMONG MEMBER STATES COULD TAKE PLACE DURING FORTHCOMING PC-IDB SESSIONS AS WELL AS INTER-SESSIONALLY.

4. THE SECRETARIAT'S NOTE ALSO UNDERLINES THE INADEQUACY OF RESOURCES PRESENTLY AVAILABLE FOR UNIDO-II PREPARATIONS AND INVITES PC-III'S SUGGESTIONS ON THIS PROBLEM.

5. COMMENT: EVEN IN THE ABSENCE OF EXPLICIT SECRETARIAT SUGGESTION NOTED PARA 3 ABOVE, WE WOULD MOST LIKELY BE FACED AT PC-III WITH THE QUESTION OF HOW MUCH STEAM WE ARE NOW WILLING TO PUT INTO THE PREPARATION OF DRAFT ACTIONS FOR UNIDO-II THROUGH STRUCTURED DISCUSSION AND NEGOTIATION OF POSSIBLE CONFERENCE RECOMMENDATIONS AND DECLARATIONS. ANSWER TO THIS QUESTION WOULD APPEAR TO REQUIRE DETERMINATION OF THE IMPORTANCE WHICH WE ARE PREPARED TO ATTACH TO UN
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